



Statewide Term Contract

071B – Type A

School & Activity Buses

Bid Number	201700084
Contract Name	Type A School & Activity Buses
Effective Dates	June 28, 2017 through July 1, 2022
Awarded Vendor(s), Manufacturer and Contact(s)	<p>Carolina Thomas LLC – Kelly Rivera - (800) 440-3492 – (336) 687-4765</p> <p>White's International Trucks – Mark Hunt - (800) 632-1050 – (336) 553-4738</p> <p>Contract Document</p>
Contract Covers	<p>This contract is intended to cover the state's normal requirements for the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type A School Buses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Small Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 14 + Driver b. Medium Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 18-25 + Driver c. Large Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 26-30 + Driver 2. Type A Activity Buses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Small Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 14 + Driver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Requirements • Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Requirements b. Medium Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 18-25 + Driver c. Large Configuration, Gas, Passenger Max 26-30 + Driver
Mandatory Contract	This is a mandatory Statewide Term Contract for state agencies, departments, institutions, universities, community colleges, and non-mandatory entities including schools and local governments.
Special Note	<p>The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) manages the process of replacement school buses for North Carolina's Public Schools. Based on years and mileage criteria, DPI annually identifies which buses in the state fleet are subject to replacement. If the legislative appropriation is insufficient to replace all buses meeting the criteria, then the buses eligible for replacement are prioritized by DPI and those eligible – within available resources – are designated for replacement in priority order.</p> <p>To best meet their needs, Local Education Agencies (LEA) may select any size bus as a replacement for the one being replaced. In order to replace more than one NON-LIFT BUS with a LIFT BUS the LEA must pay the cost of the additional LIFT(s) and the LEA must usually pay the cost of a "flat floor" configuration.</p> <p>In the event that more than one Vendor is awarded a contract for a particular size (capacity) bus, DPI anticipates that it will consider the "default vendor" in each school bus size/configuration category to be the one offering the lowest price. However, if a LEA's fleet operation needs would be best met by selecting another bus from the</p>

contract it may select the alternate bus provided that the LEA submits its justification to DPI along with its purchase order.

LEAs must submit purchase orders for school and activity buses through the Department of Public Instruction, Transportation Services for verification and/or approval as follows:

1. Original purchase orders for school buses must be mailed to the Department of Public Instruction, Transportation Services.
2. Copies of original purchase orders for activity buses can be mailed or faxed.
3. Copies of E-Procurement orders can be mailed or faxed.
4. School and Activity Bus Dealers are instructed not to process orders without approval from DPI Transportation Services.
5. All Non-LEA users are to place orders directly with the Vendor.

The following information needs to be included in your purchase order. It is important that you follow all steps in the process to minimize errors.

1. Address purchase order to the Vendor.
2. Charge to Address: Indicate correct "charge to" for billing purposes.
3. Title Information:

On the purchase order, you must designate how the vehicle is to be titled.

Example:

_____ County Board of Education

or

_____ City Board of Education

Vendor will provide "Application For Title" to obtain license and title of vehicle.

4. Contact Person: Ordering agencies should list a designated contact person and telephone number who can answer questions concerning the order and who can be notified by the Vendor when the vehicle is ready for pick up.
5. Color or Lettering: Indicate color and format for your county lettering designation.

Delivery	Delivery shall be made within 210 consecutive calendar days for a school bus and 240 consecutive calendar days for an activity bus of the receipt of a purchase order. Delivery shall be made to the designated pickup sites listed below for each Vendor: Carolina Thomas, LLC - 6327 Burnt Poplar Road, Greensboro, NC White's International Trucks - 7045 Albert Pick Road, Greensboro, NC
Loaded into E-Procurement	Yes. Line Item Catalogs are loaded in E-Procurement .
E-Procurement Help Desk	(888) 211-7440
Contract Administrator	Frank Slifer - 984-236-0233 Please reach out to the awarded Vendors for specific questions regarding the goods for this contract.

Contract Addenda	6/30/2017: Carolina Thomas, LLC E-Procurement Catalog Loaded.
	7/12/2017: White's International Trucks E-Procurement Catalog Loaded.
	4/02/2018: White's International Trucks Contact Updated
	01/03/2020: Contract Administrator Changed to Richard Reber
	04/21/2020: Contract Extension/Renewal option executed
	5/27/2020: Price Increase approved Carolina Thomas
	3/19/2021: Contract Administrator changed to Nicole Mathis
	5/7/ 2021: Amendment #4 - Exercise final renewal option and add quarterly reporting requirement: Carolina Thomas, LLC. & White's International Trucks.
	6/14/2021: Price Increase approved Carolina Thomas
	11/30/2021: Removed Tom Schaaf and added Kelly Rivera as contact for Carolina Thomas LLC.
	2/25/2022: Contract Administrator changed to Frank Slifer
	3/14/2022: Amendment #5 – Carolina Thomas increased pricing for the following Items, pricing was updated on the website but not in e-procurement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 041, Small config., 14 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 1 2. School Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 041, Medium config., 18-25 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 3 3. School Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 051, Large config., 26-30 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 5 4. Activity Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 041, Small config., 14 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 7 5. Activity Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 041, Medium config., 18-25 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 9 6. Activity Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 051, Large config., 26-30 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, ITEM 11 7. Activity Bus, Type A, Carolina Thomas, Model 041, Small config., 14 pass + driver, Gasoline, Thomas Bus, DHHS ITEM 13